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The Army Enterprise Solutions Competency Center — Key Enabler of Army Transformation.

Army AL&T Online. By Chip Raymond. Jan. 2007. As the Army's enterprise integration center of expertise, and as the agency responsible for overseeing all information technology integration programs across the Army, the Army Enterprise Solutions Competency Center is concurrently driving the internal Enterprise Resource Planning programs and the overarching Service-Oriented Architecture strategy that are the future of the U.S. Army. http://www.usaasc.info/alt_online/

Hawkish Gates Sees More Force as Leverage.

Army Early Bird. Jan. 21, 2007. By David S. Cloud. Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates's imprint on American military strategy is beginning to show. His favorite quotation from history, he told reporters traveling with him for meetings with allies and commanders in Europe and the Middle East, is from Frederick the Great, the 18th century Prussian monarch and gifted musician: "Negotiations without arms are like music books without instruments." <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/earlybird/Jan2007/e20070122482845.html>

Chief: Army Needs to Grow. *Association of the United States Army.* Feb. 1, 2007. The Army Chief of Staff told a special commission on the guard and reserve that the active Army needed to grow by 7,000 Soldiers a year and that Defense Department policies restricting access to the Soldiers in the reserve components who had been mobilized earlier needed to be changed.

<http://www.ausa.org/webpub/DeptAUSANews.nsf/byid/PGRH-6XJR3C>

AL&T Workforce News

Two Army Organizations Receive Highest Acquisition Honor. *Army AL&T Online.* Jan. – Mar.

2007. Two Army project teams were recently awarded the highest honor that DOD can bestow on acquisition professionals. The Project Manager for Close Combat Systems Countermeasure Flares Team and Program Executive Office for Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors Infrared Countermeasure Project Office both received the David Packard Excellence in Acquisition Award. The award is presented to civilian and military organizations that have significantly contributed or have demonstrated exemplary innovations and best practices in the defense acquisition process. Click on the link below for additional information.

http://asc.army.mil/docs/pubs/alt/2007/1_JanFebMar/articles/89_Two_Army_Organizations_Receive_Highest_Acquisition_Honor_200701.pdf

Senior Leadership Development Program (SLDP).

Ms. Tina Ballard, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Policy and Procurement) and Dr. Gail Funke, Senior Faculty member at the Federal Executive Institute, presented diplomas to graduates of the 18-month Senior Leadership Development Program (SLDP). The graduation ceremony, held on Feb. 23, 2007, in the Pentagon Auditorium, included 17 graduates from 9 different Army commands/agencies. See link for list of graduates.

http://asc.army.mil/docs/transformation/sldp_graduates.pdf

ASA(ALT) Strategic Plan. How long has it been since you read the ASA(ALT) Strategic Plan? Take a moment to stay informed. The OASA(ALT) Strategic Plan defines vision, mission, goals, objectives, and performance measures, and establishes a directional framework that allows the organization to better align with and anticipate and respond to future Army and Department of Defense needs and priorities.

https://webportal.saalt.army.mil/saal-zg/zg_planning.htm

2007 Defense Acquisition University (DAU) Catalog.

Information in the hard-copy catalog is current as of Oct. 1, 2006. The catalog is updated online throughout the training year, and new CDs are produced. Once printed, you may request a copy from the DAU Student Services Office.

<http://www.dau.mil/catalog/>

Changes in the Contracting Career Field Certification Requirements. A conversion matrix was developed to assist in the transition from the current to the new Level II Contracting course requirements.

http://asc.army.mil/docs/transformation/certification_grace_period.pdf

AAC Transformation

SYS 302 Technical Leadership in Systems Engineering. Designed for senior DOD acquisition personnel, SYS 302 focuses on the application of technical leadership skills within a typical DOD Systems Engineering environment. This course is for military officers and DOD civilians who are Level II certified in a Systems Planning, Research, Development and Engineering career field. Equivalent industry acquisition managers are also eligible.

<http://www.dau.mil/catalog/cat2007/Chapter%203%20Jan18%2007.pdf>

Army Civilian Leadership Opportunities.

The Army's Acquisition Education, Training and Experience Catalog was updated. The new Appendix B section identifies Army Civilian Leadership Opportunities for the AL&T Workforce, which may be of interest as you prepare for future leadership positions.

<http://asc.army.mil/career/pubs/aete/default.cfm>

The Civilian Education System (CES).

Transformation of the Army begins with educating the Army's leaders. The CES is a new progressive and sequential leader development program that provides enhanced leader development and education opportunities for Army civilians throughout their careers.

<http://www.amsc.belvoir.army.mil/ces/>

AAC Upcoming Events

AUSA Institute of Land Warfare (ILW) Winter Symposium and Exhibition

- March 7-9, 2007
- Broward County Convention Center, Fort Lauderdale, FL
<http://www.ausa.org/webpub/DeptIndustry.nsf/byid/JRAY-6VCJJZ>

5th Annual PEO EIS Industry Day

- March 28-30, 2007
- Marriott Bethesda North Hotel & Conference Center, Bethesda, MD
<http://www.fbcinc.com/peoeis/industryday.asp>

DAU Acquisition Community Conference

- April 17, 2007
- DAU campus, Scott Hall, Building 226
<http://www.dauaa.org/>

Army Aviation Convention

- May 9-12, 2007
- Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, GA
<http://www.quad-a.org/>

Workforce Reminders

Structuring Contracts for the Emerging DOD Environment (CLC033). The Defense Accounting and Finance Services and Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy personnel identified consistent process weaknesses in the area of contract construction (i.e., contract line items) that impact payment, receipt and acceptance. This memorandum exercises your authority under the *Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act*, as the Functional Advisor for Procurement & Contracting/Government Property, to require contracting personnel to complete the DAU training, "Structuring Contracts for the Emerging DOD Environment." Link to the memo:

<http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/policy/policyvault/2006-2098-DPAP.pdf>

Link to the policy vault:

<http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/policy/policyvault/policy.jsp>

Important AAC Links

U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center

<http://asc.army.mil>

Army AL&T Magazine

<http://asc.army.mil/career/pubs/alt/default.cfm>

Acquisition Management Branch

<https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/protect/active/opfam51/ambmain.htm>

Comments to the Editorial Staff

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